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2	1/21/04	H Res 492	Adoption of the resolution that would express support for Catholic Schools Week and honor Catholic schools for their contributions to American education.	YES	Passed*	398-1
3	1/21/04	H Res 491	Adoption of the resolution that would commend people who mentor children and support efforts to recruit more mentors in the United States.	YES	Passed*	397-0
4	1/21/04	H Res 490	Adoption of the resolution that would recognize and commend the achievements of NASA, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and Cornell University in conducting the Mars Exploration Rover mission, and to recognize the importance of space exploration.	YES	Passed*	389-0
5	1/21/04	H Res 489	Adoption of the resolution that concurs with S Res 281, which honored former Senator Paul Simon, D-Ill., and expressed sorrow and regret over the announcement of his death.	YES	Passed*	394-0

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6	1/27/04	H.R. 1385	Extend through 2006 the authority of the Postal Service to issue a special postage stamp that benefits breast cancer research.	YES	Passed*	331-1
7	1/27/04	H.R. 3493	Make technical corrections and clarifications to the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act of 2002, including clarifying the types of fees applicable under the act.	YES	Passed*	333-0
8	1/28/04	S. 1920	Amendment that would make permanent Chapter 12 bankruptcy protection for family farmers and would expand eligibility requirements for Chapter 12, including permitting family fisherman to file for bankruptcy.	NO	Failed	158-204
10	1/28/04	S. 1920	Require debtors who are able to repay \$10,000 or 25 percent of their debts over five years to file under Chapter 13, which requires a reorganization of debts under a repayment plan, instead of seeking to discharge their debts under Chapter 7. A debtor would be limited to a total exemption of \$125,000 in home equity for residences purchased within 40 months of a bankruptcy filing. The bill also would make permanent and retroactive Chapter 12 bankruptcy relief for farmers.	YES	Passed	265-99

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12	2/2/04	H Res 507	Adopt the resolution that would express the profound sorrow of the House on the anniversary of the space shuttle <i>Columbia</i> accident and offer condolences to the families of the seven astronauts killed in the disaster.	YES	Passed*	397-0
13	2/3/04	H Res 157	Adoption of the resolution that would express the sense of the House that the Chinese government should immediately release all prisoners of conscience, including Phuntsog Nyidron, a Tibetan Buddhist nun.	YES	Passed*	398-0
14	2/3/04	H J Res 84	Passage of the joint resolution that would extend birthday greetings and best wishes to former President Ronald Reagan on his 93 rd birthday.	YES	Passed*	394-0
15	2/4/04	H.R. 3030	Amendment that would add religion as a non-discrimination criteria for hiring by organizations receiving federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds. The amendment also would strike language in current law that allows organizations receiving CSBG funds to hire on a religious basis.	NO	Failed	182-231
16	2/4/04	H.R. 3030	Amendment that would require religious groups that receive Community Services Block Grant funds to conduct religious activities separately and make them voluntary for program participants.	NO	Failed	180-233
17	2/4/04	H.R. 3030	Amendment that would prohibit organizations that receive federal Community Services Block Grant funds from hiring on a religious basis and require them to operate in a "lawful and secular" manner when using the funds.	NO	Failed	183-232
18	2/4/04	H.R. 3030	Amendment that would authorize such sums as necessary under the Community Services Block Grants program for a sixmonth federal program to provide an additional 13 weeks of unemployment benefits for people who have exhausted their state jobless benefits.	NO	Passed	227-179

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19	2/10/04	H Con Res 358	Adopt the concurrent resolution that would authorize the printing of "History in the United States Capitol" as a House document.	YES	Passed*	402-1
20	2/10/04	H Con Res 359	Adopt the concurrent resolution that would authorize the use of the Capitol Rotunda for a ceremony on April 22, 2004, as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.	YES	Passed*	402-0
21	2/10/04	H Con Res 264	Adopt the concurrent resolution that would authorize and request that the president issue a proclamation to commemorate the 200 th anniversary of the birth of Constantino Brumidi, who spent more than 25 years of his life painting and decorating the Capitol.	YES	Passed*	404-0
23	2/11/04	H.R. 743	Concur with the Senate amendments to the bill that would require the Social Security Administration to re-issue benefits when a "representative payee" misuses funds. It also would require state or local government employees to work in a job that pays into Social Security for five years before they could qualify for an exemption under the government pension offset, illegal immigrants would not be able to collect Social Security benefits for the time they worked in the country illegally unless they were later granted legal status.	YES	Passed*	402-19
24	2/11/04	H.R. 3783	Extend funding for highway, transit and transportation safety programs for an additional four months, through June 30, 2004. Funding was originally set to expire October 1, 2003, but Congress enacted a five-month extension through February 29. The measure includes \$25.2 billion in contract authority for federal-aid highway programs.	YES	Passed*	421-0

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26	2/24/04	H.R. 2707	Direct the Forest Service to create a trial program to control salt cedar and Russian olive trees in the western United States. The measure would authorize \$5 million in FY2005 for assessing ways to control the trees and \$18 million annually in FY2005 through FY2009 to carry out demonstration projects.	YES	Passed*	367-40
27	2/24/04	S. 714	Authorize the Bureau of Land Management to convey, without costs, approximately 68.8 acres of land to Douglas County, Oregon. The conveyance is intended to provide improved access to the Oregon Dunes National Recreational Area for off-road vehicles and other visitors.	YES	Passed*	397-01
28	2/25/04	H.R. 2751	Provide the General Accounting Office (GAO) with additional discretion to manage its workforce, including tying employee raises to a minimum performance standard and making permanent the agency's authority to offer early retirement.	YES	Passed*	382-43
29	2/25/04	H Con Res 287	Adopt the concurrent resolution that would honor the late actor Raul Julia for his contributions to the performing arts and the Latino community as well as his commitment to ending world hunger.	YES	Passed*	422-0
30	2/26/04	H.R. 1997	Amendment that would make assault on a pregnant woman a federal crime. Under the substitute, a perpetrator could be subject to up to 20 years' imprisonment for an assault causing prenatal injury and up to life imprisonment for an assault causing termination of the pregnancy.	NO	Failed.	186-229
31	2/26/04	H.R. 1997	Passage of the bill that would make it a criminal offense to injure or kill a fetus during the commission of a violent crime. The measure would establish criminal penalties, equal to those that would apply if the injury or death occurred to the pregnant woman, for those who harm a fetus, regardless of the perpetrator's knowledge of the pregnancy or intent to harm the fetus. The bill states that its provisions should not be interpreted to apply to consensual abortion or to a woman's actions with respect to her pregnancy. The death penalty could not be imposed under this bill.	YES	Passed	254-163

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32	3/2/04	H.R. 2769	Names a post office building in Knoxville, Tenn., after Republican State Senator Ben Atchley.	YES	Passed*	383-0
33	3/2/04	H. Res 526	Adoption of the resolution that would express the sympathy of the House of Representatives for the victims of the December 26, 2003, earthquake in Bam, Iran. The resolution would also honor the life-saving work of U.S. and international aid personnel in Iran.	YES	Passed*	381-0
34	3/2/04	H. Res 530	Adoption of the resolution that would express the sense of Congress that the U.S. government should continue to insist that China adhere to fundamental human rights principles. The measure also would urge the U.S. government to introduce a resolution at the 60 th session of the U.N. Human Rights Commission in Geneva, Switzerland, calling on China to end its human rights violations and meet internationally recognized standards for human rights.	YES	Passed*	402-2
35	3/3/04	H.R. 912	Authorize NASA and the Minor Planet Center of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory to establish two annual Charles "Pete" Conrad Astronomy Awards of \$3,000 each for amateur astronomers.	YES	Passed*	404-1
36	3/3/04	H.R. 3389	Make nonprofit entities eligible to apply for and receive Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Awards, which recognize organizations that have provided substantial economic or social benefits through improvements in their goods or services that result from effective management practices.	YES	Passed*	408-0

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42	3/9/04	H. Res 519	Adoption of the resolution that would express sadness at the loss of life and property caused by the December 22, 2003, earthquake in San Luis Obispo County, California, and recognize the local officials and personnel who aided the earthquake victims and their families.	YES	Passed*	404-0
43	3/9/04	H. Res 392	Adoption of the resolution that would congratulate the Detroit Shock for winning the 2003 Women's National Basketball Association Championship.	YES	Passed*	401-0
44	3/9/04	H Res 475	Adoption of the resolution that would congratulate the San Jose Earthquakes for winning the 2003 Major League Soccer Cup.	YES	Passed*	399-0
46	3/10/04	S. 1881	Make technical corrections and clarifications to the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act of 2002, including clarifying the types of fees applicable under the act.	YES	Passed*	396-0
47	3/10/04	H Con Res 373	Adoption of the concurrent resolution that would express the sense of Congress that "Kids Love a Mystery" – a program that promotes children's reading and literacy – should be supported and encouraged.	YES	Passed*	388-11
48	3/10/04	H.R. 339	Amendment that would exempt from the bill an action brought on by a state agency to enforce state consumer protection laws concerning mislabeling or other "unfair and deceptive trade practices."	NO	Failed	177-241
49	3/10/04	H.R. 339	Amendment that would restrict the provisions of the bill to lawsuits filed in federal courts, allowing weight-related civil liability suits to be brought in state courts.	NO	Failed	158-261
50	3/10/04	H.R. 339	Amendment that would permit civil liability suits in cases related to food that contains genetically engineered material, unless the food's labeling explicitly state that it contains genetically engineered material.	NO	Failed	129-285
51	3/10/04	H.R. 339	Amendment that would change the bill's definition of a "manufacturer" and "seller" so that it does not apply to meat slaughtering, packing, canning or rendering establishments that provide meat for human consumption that comes from "downed animals," animals that cannot stand or walk.	NO	Failed	141-276
52	3/10/04	H.R. 339	Amendment that would exempt from the bill civil actions that allege a weight loss product caused health problems or any other complication that might be associated with a person's weight gain.	NO	Failed	166-250

53	3/10/04	H.R. 339	Amendment that would strike the section of the bill that dismisses all qualified weight-related civil liability actions pending at the time of the bill's enactment.	NO	Failed	164-249
54	3/10/04	H.R. 339	Prohibit lawsuits in federal or state courts against restaurants, food manufacturers and distributors based on claims that the food contributed to the plaintiff's obesity or weight gain. The bill would allow suits if the defendant knowingly and willfully violated federal or state laws governing the labeling, advertising or selling of food products.	YES	Passed	276-139
55	3/11/04	H.R. 3717	Increase to \$500,000 per violation the maximum fines that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) could levy on broadcasters for airing indecent, obscene or profane material. The bill would make it easier for the FCC to fine individuals for indecent actions and make them subject to the same fines as broadcasters. It would require that the FCC consider revoking a license after a broadcaster committed three or more indecency-related offenses. The bill would also establish a 180-day window for the FCC to make indecency enforcement decisions.	YES	Passed*	391-22
56	3/11/04	H Con Res	Adoption of the concurrent resolution that would commend India on its celebration of Republic Day, and reiterate Congress' support for continued strong relations between the United States and India.	YES	Passed*	418-0
57	3/11/04	H Res 540	Adoption of the resolution that would express the condolences and deepest sympathies of the House of Representatives for the death of Macedonian President Boris Trajkovski, who was killed in a plane crash February 26, 2004.	YES	Passed*	411-0

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58	3/16/04	H Res 551	Adopt the resolution that would recognize the 25 th anniversary of the Cable-Satellite Public Affairs Network (C-SPAN) and its coverage of the House of Representatives' proceedings. Also would commend the network and its employees for providing outstanding coverage that benefits the government and the public.	YES	Passed*	392-0
59	3/16/04	HR 3733	Names a post office building in Altamont, Kansas, after the late, former Representative Myron V. George, R- Kan.	YES	Passed*	394-0
60	3/16/04	H Res 433	Adopts the resolution that would honor the late Luis A. Ferre –former governor of Puerto Rico and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom – for his outstanding political leadership, business savvy, advocacy for social justice, and love and support of the arts.	YES	Passed*	398-0
64	3/17/04	H Res 557	Adopts the resolution that would affirm the United States and the world are safer with the removal of Saddam Hussein and his regime from power in Iraq. It also would commend U.S. and coalition forces for liberating Iraq and commend the Iraqi people on the adoption of Iraq's new interim constitution.	YES	Passed	327-93
65	3/17/04	H J Res 87	Honors the life and legacy of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and recognizes his contributions to the United States and the world on the anniversary of his birthday.	N/A	Passed*	398-5
66	3/18/04	HR 1375	Amendment that would prohibit commercial banks from charging a fee to the depositor of a check that is returned for insufficient funds.	NO	Failed	167-255
67	3/18/04	HR 1375	Amendment that would express the sense of Congress that when a banking agency requests expedited action on a merger application, the merger's impact on corporate and individual customers should be considered.	NO	Failed	194-255
68	3/18/04	HR 1375	Amendment that would allow banks to pay interest on business checking accounts and allow the Federal Reserve to pay interest on 'sterile' accounts that banks must maintain under federal law.	YES	Passed*	418-0
69	3/18/04	HR 1375	Eases dozens of banking regulations, including expanding the ability of banks and thrifts to open new branches or merge with other institutions. It would provide banks with greater flexibility to	YES	Passed	392-25

			manage their operations, such as providing greater leeway in the calculation of dividend payments. The bill, as amended, would ban any company with less than 85 percent of its business in financial services from using an industrial loan company to branch across state lines. It also would allow credit unions to expand their investment opportunities and their service offerings, such as wire transfers, while streamlining merger procedures.			
70	3/18/04	HR 3782	Raises the maximum reward available under the Department of State rewards program from \$5 million to \$25 million for information leading to the arrest or conviction of foreign terrorists or narcoterrorists. Any information that leads to the disruption of terrorist financing networks would also be eligible for a reward. The bill would authorize up to \$50 million for the capture of a leader of a foreign terrorist organization.	YES	Passed*	414-0
71	3/18/04	H Con Res 364	Adopts the concurrent resolution that would express Congress' recognition of more than 50 years of strategic partnership between the United States and the people of the Marshall Islands. The resolution would also recognize the importance of the nuclear weapon test code-named Brave at Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands on March 1, 1954.	YES	Passed*	408-0

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73	3/23/04	H.R. 958	Require the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to maintain four navigation response teams in priority coastal areas to conduct navigational safety activities and to verify hydrographic data, which helps chart or map bodies of water. The bill also would extend the 2000 Fisheries Survey Vessel Authorization Act, which allows NOAA to acquire or lease up to six fishery research vessels.	YES	Passed*	384-23
74	3/23/04	H.R. 2408	Reauthorize funding for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's volunteer programs, which allow the agency to recruit volunteers and enter into cooperative agreements with partner organizations, such as academic institutions.	YES	Passed*	401-10
75	3/23/04	H.R. 2489	Set aside 20 percent of the funds from a government settlement owed to the Cowlitz Indian Tribe of Washington for a tribal elderly assistance program, with the remainder distributed among eight other assistance programs.	YES	Passed*	404-0
76	3/23/04	H.R. 3926	Authorize the Health and Human Services Department to provide reimbursement for travel and other incidental non-medical expenses incurred by individuals making living organ donations.	YES	Passed*	414-2
77	3/24/04	H Res 522	Adopt the resolution that would express the sense of the House that there is a critical need to increase awareness and education about the risk factors for heart disease among women. It would commend first lady Laura Bush and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute for their efforts to raise public awareness about heart disease and women.	YES	Passed*	420-0
79	3/24/04	H.R. 1768	Allow federal judges to retain jurisdiction over lawsuits that have been filed in multiple federal district courts by plaintiffs but consolidated in one district.	YES	Passed*	418-0
80	3/24/04	H Con Res 328	Adopt the concurrent resolution that would express Congress' support for the designation of a National Military Appreciation Month, which honors members of the armed forces, including those who have died in the line of duty.	YES	Passed*	424-0
81	3/24/04	H.R. 3059	Name a post office building in Stuttgart, Arkansas, after the late Col. Lloyd L. Burke, a veteran of three wars and winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor.	YES	Passed*	425-0
82	3/24/04	H.R. 3873	Reauthorize such sums as necessary through FY2008 for a number of child	YES	Passed*	419-5

			nutrition programs, including the			
			National School Lunch and Breakfast			
			programs, Child and Adult Care Food			
			Program and After-School Snack			
			Program. It also would require schools			
			to develop "wellness policies" setting			
			standards for nutrition education and			
			physical activity and to set guidelines for			
			food sold on campus.			
83	3/25/04	H Con Res	Adopt the concurrent resolution that	YES	Passed*	420-3
		189	would express the sense of Congress that			
			the president should endorse an			
			International Geophysical Year 2 (IGY-			
			2) for 2007 to 2008, which would			
			promote global scientific cooperation.			
85	3/25/04	H.R. 3786	Authorize the secretary of the Treasury	YES	Passed*	422-2
			to produce currency, postage stamps and			
			other security documents for foreign			
			governments – provided that the foreign			
			government reimburses the United			
			States for the costs of production.			
86	3/25/04	H.R. 2993	Extend the Commemorative Coin	YES	Passed*	411-14
			Program – which issues a			
			commemorative quarter for each state –			
			for an additional year, through 2009, and			
			would add the District of Columbia and			
			five U.S. territories to the program.			
87	3/25/04	H.R. 254	Suspend the rules and concur with	YES	Passed*	377-48
			Senate amendments to the bill that			
			would revamp the North American			
			Development Bank, including codifying			
			a U.SMexico agreement that would			
			allow the bank to make below-market-			
			rate loans and extend the zone in Mexico			
			served by the bank. The bill, as			
			amended, would limit the bank's new			
			authority to make grants.			
88	3/25/04	H Con Res	Amendment that would call for \$43.3	NO	Failed	119-302
		393	billion in additional spending and \$5			
			billion for deficit reduction in FY2005.			
			It would call for action to rescind tax			
			cuts for individuals making more than			
			\$200,000 in gross income, close several			
			tax loopholes and reduce funding for the			
			ballistic missile defense program.			
			Spending increases would include \$30.5			
			billion more for non-defense programs			
			and an additional \$12.8 billion for			
			defense, homeland security and			
			veterans' programs.		<u> </u>	
89	3/25/04	H Con Res	Amendment that would provide for a	NO	Failed	183-243
		393	balanced budget by FY2012 and reduce			
			the deficit by half over the next two			
			years. Action on additional tax cuts or			
			other proposals that would create			
			additional budgetary obligations would			
			be deferred until Congress and the			
			president have taken action to reduce the			
			deficit. It would allow for a one-year			
			extension of the \$1,000 tax credit, so-			
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			called marriage penalty relief, and the 10 percent tax bracket and allow for an extension of the tax cuts after 2010 subject to pay-as-you-go rules.			
90	3/25/04	H Con Res 393	Amendment that would provide procedural protection for \$182.6 billion in tax cuts over five years, while reducing the deficit by half in three years. It would call for reducing non-defense, non-homeland security discretionary spending by 1 percent from FY2004 levels and scaling back the growth of non-Social Security mandatory spending by 1 percent in FY2005.	Yes	Failed	116-309
91	3/25/04	H Con Res 393	Amendment that would provide for a balanced budget by FY2012 and allow discretionary spending to keep pace with inflation. It would allow for an extension of certain tax cuts, such as the \$1,000 child tax credit, while reducing tax cuts for those who make more than \$500,000 a year. It also would establish a "pay-as-you-go" point of order that could be raised against any tax cuts or spending increases that are not offset.	NO	Failed	194-232
92	3/25/04	H Con Res 393	Adoption of the concurrent resolution that would set broad spending and revenue targets over the next five years. The resolution would call for \$821.3 billion in discretionary spending for FY2005, and assumes \$50 billion in additional FY2005 spending to support military operations in Iraq. It would call for \$152.6 billion in tax cuts over five years and provide reconciliation protection for \$137.6 billion of that total. It also would call for the budget deficit to be reduced by approximately half by FY2009. Mandatory spending would rise by 5 percent in FY2005. It would allow for a 7 percent increase in defense spending in FY2005 and a 12 percent increase in homeland security spending.	YES	Passed	215-212
93	3/25/04	H.R. 3095	Explicitly authorize top local government officials to order the lowering of the U.S. flag to half-staff to honor the deaths of current and past local government employees.	YES	Passed*	374-2

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120	4/20/04	H.R. 1822	Name a post office building in Los Angeles after the late Dosan Ahn Chang Ho, who founded the Young Korean Academy in Los Angeles and played a significant role in the growth of the Korean-American community in the city.	YES	Passed*	399-0
121	4/21/04	H.R. 3970	Direct several federal agencies to promote research and development of "green" chemistry – the use of chemistry to reduce pollution. The bill would authorize \$84 million through FY2007 for programs such as competitive grants to researchers from universities, industry, and nonprofit organizations, and research at federal laboratories.	YES	Passed*	402-14
122	4/21/04	H.R. 4030	Direct the National Science Foundation to award 10 annual congressional medals to private companies that have supported student achievement in science, technology, engineering and mathematics at elementary and secondary schools.	YES	Passed*	411-7
123	4/21/04	H.R. 3147	Name a federal building in Ogden, Utah, after former Rep. James V. Hansen, R-Utah, who served in the House from 1981-2003.	YES	Passed*	418-0
124	4/21/04	H.R. 4019	Authorize the secretary of State to endorse and obtain observer status for Taiwan at the annual weeklong summit of the World Health Assembly in May 2004 in Geneva.	YES	Passed*	416-0
125	4/21/04	H.R. 1779	Allow members of the active-duty National Guard and reserves to make penalty-free early withdrawals from retirement plans. The bill would limit the withdrawals to members of the military activated between September 11, 2001, and September 12, 2005, and who serve in excess of 179 days.	YES	Passed*	415-0
128	4/22/04	H.R. 2844	Amendment that would extend the time frame for conducting special elections from 45 to 75 days.	NO	Failed	179-229
129	4/22/04	H.R. 2844	Amendment that would strike the bill's 10-day deadline for political parties to select nominees and substitute language that would require a potential candidate to meet the requirements to get on the ballot as set by state law.	NO	Failed	188-217
130	4/22/04	H.R. 2844	Require special elections to fill vacant House seats within 45 days of a catastrophe that kills at least 100 House members. If a regularly scheduled election is planned to fill a vacant House seat within 75 days of the House Speaker's announcement of the vacancies, then no special election for	YES	Passed*	306-97

that seat is required. It also would require parties to nominate their		
candidates within 10 days of the House		
Speaker's announcement.		

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131	4/27/04	Number H.R. 3942	Rename a post office building in	YES	Passed*	395-0
			Middletown, Rhode Island, as the Rhode Island Veterans Post Office Building.			
132	4/27/04	H Res 399	Adopt the resolution that would honor the late Melvin Jones, founder of the Association of Lions Clubs, and recognize the contributions of Lions Clubs International to communities in need.	YES	Passed*	395-0
133	4/27/04	H Res 578	Adopt the resolution that would support the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month.	YES	Passed*	391-0
134	4/28/04	H.R. 4219	Extend funding for highway, transit and transportation safety programs for an additional two months, through June 30, 2004. The bill includes \$24.3 billion in contract authority for federal-aid highway programs.	YES	Passed*	410-0
136	4/28/04	H.R. 4181	Amendment that would permanently end tax provisions eliminating the so-called marriage penalty. It also would prevent the alternative minimum tax from negating the benefits of the bill for married couples, and it would offset the cost of the bill by imposing a 3.6 percent surtax on taxpayers earning more than \$500,000 a year and married couples with annual incomes of more than \$1 million.	NO	Failed	189-226
138	4/28/04	H.R. 4181	Permanently extend tax provisions eliminating the so-called marriage penalty by making the standard deduction for married couples double that of single taxpayers and increasing the upper limit of the 15 percent tax bracket for married couples to twice that of singles. It also would make permanent higher income limited for married couples eligible to receive the refundable earned-income tax credit.	YES	Passed*	323-95

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139	5/4/04	H Res 600	Adoption of the resolution that would commend charter schools and their students, parents, teachers and administrators for their contributions to education and public school systems. It also would urge the president to call on the public to support National Charter Schools week.	YES	Passed*	396-0
140	5/4/04	H Con Res 380	Adoption of the concurrent resolution that would express the sense of the Congress that music education is an important component of an academic curriculum and should be available to every student.	YES	Passed*	402-0
141	5/4/04	H Res 599	Adoption of the resolution that would congratulate the University of Connecticut men's and women's basketball teams for winning the 2004 NCAA Championships.	YES	Passed*	401-0
143	5/5/04	H.R. 4227	Amendment that would exempt individuals with adjusted gross incomes of less than \$125,000 and married couples with incomes below \$250,000 from the alternative minimum tax (AMT) in 2005. It would phase in AMT liability for individuals with income of \$215,000 to \$145,000 and married taxpayers with income of \$250,000 to \$290,000.	NO	Failed	197-228
144	5/5/04	H.R. 4337	Extend for one year the current income exemptions – up to \$40,250 for individual taxpayers and \$58,000 for married couples – from the alternative minimum tax.	YES	Passed*	333-89
146	5/5/04	H Res 605	Adoption of the resolution that would support the designation of a "National Autism Awareness Month." It also would commend parents and relatives of children with autism for providing for their special needs and support increased federal funding for research to determine the causes of autism.	YES	Passed*	421-0
149	5/6/04	H. Res 402	Adoption of the resolution that would urge the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the United Nations, the European Union and the Association of South East Asian Nations to work to provide unrestricted access to Laos for international election monitors and humanitarian aid workers.	YES	Passed*	408-1

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153	5/11/04	H.R. 4299	Name a post office building in Edinburg, Texas, after Dr. Miguel A. Nevarez, the first Hispanic president of the University of Texas-Pan American.	YES	Passed*	405-0
154	5/11/04	H Res 622	Adoption of the resolution that would support Peace Officers Memorial Day to honor federal, state and local peace officers killed or disabled in the line of duty.	YES	Passed*	404-0
155	5/11/04	H Res 577	Adoption of the resolution that would mark the 50 th anniversary of relations between the United States and the European Union (EU). It also would recognize that continued cooperation between the United States and the EU is essential to resolving international disputes and combating global threats.	YES	Passed*	397-7
160	5/12/04	H Res 608	Adoption of the resolution that would express the sense of the House that the Defense secretary should ensure that the military expedites the delivery of election ballots to armed services members so they may be counted in the election.	YES	Passed*	421-0
161	5/12/04	H.R. 4279	Substitute amendment that would allow up to \$500 of unused benefits in an employee's health flexible spending accounts (FSA) to be carried over to the next year's FSA. The cost would be offset by eliminating certain tax provisions.	NO	Failed	197-230
163	5/12/04	H.R. 4279	Permit up to \$500 of unused funds in an employee's health flexible spending account (FSA) to be carried over to the next year's FSA or transferred to the employee's health savings account.	YES	Passed	273-152
164	5/12/04	H Con Res 352	Adoption of the concurrent resolution that would honor the contributions of Indian-Americans to the United States, and would express Congress' commitment to working together with India to promote peace, prosperity and freedom among all countries.	YES	Passed*	415-2
166	5/12/04	H.R. 4280	Cap the awards that plaintiffs and their attorneys could receive in medical malpractice cases. The bill would limit non-economic damages to \$250,000 and cap punitive damages at \$250,000 or double economic damages, whichever is greater. Punitive damages would be barred against makers and distributors of medical products that were approved by the Food and Drug Administration. The bill would not pre-empt state damage caps but would impose federal caps on any states that do not have their own. Attorneys' contingent fees would be	YES	Passed	229-197

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167	5/12/04	H Con Res 378	Adoption of the concurrent resolution that would condemn the detention of Thaddeus Nguyen Van Ly, a Roman Catholic priest, by the government of Vietnam and call for his immediate release.	YES	Passed*	424-1
168	5/12/04	H Con Res 409	Adoption of the concurrent resolution that would recognize the more than 16 million U.S. veterans who served during World War II, the 400,000 U.S. service members who died in the war and the Americans who supported the war effort at home.	YES	Passed*	422-0
170	5/13/04	H.R. 4275	Make permanent the current upper limit of the 10 percent income tax bracket. The current limits of \$7,000 for individuals and \$14,000 for couples are set to revert to \$6,000 and \$12,000 in 2005.	YES	Passed*	344-76
172	5/13/04	H.R. 4281	Subsitute amendment that would allow employers with fewer than 100 employees to participate in a Small Employer Health Benefits program that would be similar to the Federal Employees Health Benefits program. Employers would be required to pay at least half of their employees' premium costs and to offer coverage to all employees who have completed three months of service.	NO	Failed	193-224
174	5/13/04	H.R. 4281	Allow for the creation of association health plans through which small companies could band together to buy insurance for their employees. Association health plans that cover employees in multiple states would be exempt from many individual state insurance regulations but would be regulated by the Labor Department.	YES	Passed	252-162
175	5/13/04	H.J Res 91	Passage of the joint resolution that would recognize the 60 th anniversary of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, also known as the G.I. Bill of Rights.	YES	Passed*	409-0
176	5/13/04	H Con Res 414	Adoption of the concurrent resolution that would mark the 50 th anniversary of the Supreme Court's Brown v. Board of Education ruling that racial segregation in public schools is unconstitutional. It also would renew the commitment of Congress to continue to build on the legacy of the Brown decision.	YES	Passed*	406-1

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229	6/8/04	H Res 663	Adopt the resolution that would express profound regret and sorrow on the death of former President Ronald Reagan, who died June 5, 2004.	YES	Passed*	355-0
231	6/8/04	H Res 664	Adopt the resolution that would express appreciation for former President Ronald Reagan's public service and condolences to the Reagan family.	YES	Passed*	375-0

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232	6/14/04	HJ Res 97	Pass the joint resolution that would approve the renewal of import restrictions that prohibit the importation of any products from Myanmar, the country formerly known as Burma.	YES	Passed*	372-2
233	6/14/04	H Res 669	Adopt the resolution that would express the sense of the House in commending health organizations for their efforts in supplying information about screening and treatment options for prostate cancer. It also would recommend that the government ensure that health care providers supply prostate cancer patients with accurate information about various treatments.	YES	Passed*	377-3
234	6/14/04	H.R. 4323	Pass the bill that would authorize the Defense secretary to waive certain acquisition regulations in order to obtain equipment needed by a military commander to prevent combat fatalities.	YES	Passed	285-97
235	6/14/04	H Res 653	Adopt the resolution that would congratulate former President George Bush on his 80th birthday.	YES	Passed	381-0
241	6/15/04	H.R. 4503	Passage of the bill that would implement a comprehensive national policy for energy conservation, research and development. It would authorize \$25.7 billion in tax breaks over 10 years, including \$11.9 billion to encourage oil and gas production, \$2.5 billion for "clean coal" programs, \$2.2 billion in incentives for alternative motor vehicles, and \$1.8 billion for the electric power industry and other businesses. It would authorize \$18 billion in loan guarantees for a natural gas pipeline from Alaska. It would increase the requirement that gasoline sold in the United States contain a specified volume of ethanol. Makers of the gasoline additive MTBE would be protected from liability, but would have to cease production of the additive by 2015. The bill would also impose reliability standards for electricity transmission networks and ease restrictions on utility ownership and mergers.	YES	Passed	244-178
242	6/15/04	H.R. 4513	Pass the bill that would streamline licensing and sitting for alternative energy projects on federal lands. A federal agency would not be required to identify different project locations, other than the proposed action and a "no	YES	Passed	229-186

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purposes of harvesting timber.							
259 6/17/04 H.R. 4520 Pass the bill that would revoke an export YES Passed 251-178	259	6/17/04	H.R. 4520		YES	Passed	251-178
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			approximately \$140 billion in new			
			corporate tax cuts. Revenue raising			
			offsets would reduce the cost of the bill			
			to \$34.4 billion over 11 years. It would			
			include a buyout for tobacco farmers			
			that could not exceed \$9.6 billion.			
261	6/17/04	H.R. 4568	Amendment that would bar funds from	NO	Failed	202-215
			being used to kill, or assist in killing,			
			bison in Yellowstone National Park.			
262	6/17/04	H.R. 4568	Amendment that would prohibit the use	NO	Failed	152-267
			of funds to maintain more than 647			
			million barrels of oil in the Strategic			
			Petroleum Reserve, the level in the			
			reserve as of mid-March 2004.			
263	6/17/04	H.R. 4568	Amendment that would block funds	NO	Failed	198-224
			from being used to do anything			
			inconsistent with the phase out of			
			recreational snowmobile use in			
			Yellowstone and Grand Teton National			
			Parks.			
264	6/17/04	H.R. 4568	Pass the bill that would appropriate	YES	Passed*	334-86
207	J/1//UT	11.10. 4300	\$19.5 billion for the Interior Department,	120	1 45504	33100
			related agencies and programs in fiscal			
			2005. The bill would provide \$3.6			
			billion for fighting wildfires, including			
			\$1 billion in supplemental funding			
			\$500 million in each of fiscal 2004 and			
			2005 that could be released for			
			emergency fire conditions. It also would			
			provide \$3 billion for the Indian Health			
			Service. The bill, as amended, would			
			increase spending for the arts and			
			humanities by \$13.5 million and block			
			the use of funds to plan or construct			
			forest development roads in the Tongass			
			National Forest in Alaska for harvesting			
			timber.			1
265	6/18/04	H.R. 4567	Amendment that would strike language	NO	Failed	180-228
			in the bill capping the number of full-			
			time aviation screeners at 45,000.			
266	6/18/04	H.R. 4567	Amendment that would transfer \$450	NO	Failed	171-237
			million from formula-based state and			
			local homeland security programs to			
			discretionary terrorism prevention			
			programs for high-threat, high-density			
			urban areas, such as New York City.			
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